

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed to bring the application more fully into conformance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office practices.

Amendment to the Abstract

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.72(b), in particular, the requirement that the abstract not exceed 150 in length.

Amendments to the Claims

The application has been filed with claims as amended during the international phase of the application. Claims 1-4 and 7-10 are additionally amended, and new claims 11 and 12 are added, to bring the claims into conformance with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office practices. Claims 11 and 12 are supported by original claims 1 and 2. No new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicant respectfully suggests the application is in condition for examination, and respectfully requests such examination of the application on its merits.

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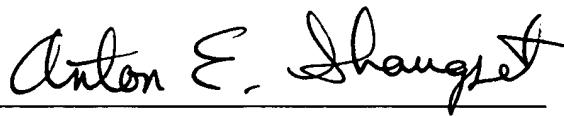
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